

Olympic hero rounds off golden season for Waldringfield Sailing Club

Olympic double silver medalist sailor Joe Glanfield with young prize winners from Waldringfield Sailing Club at its recent prize giving supper.



From left to right: James Hayward, Charlotte Hayward, Joe Glanfield, Emma Knott, Ed Harrison, Aaron Woolf.

Waldringfield Sailing Club (WSC) celebrated the end of another successful season on Saturday (Dec 6) at its annual Laying Up Supper held at the Hotel Elizabeth Orwell in Felixstowe. Special guest was Joe Glanfield, who won a Silver medal in the 470 class at the Beijing Olympics.

The club recorded a great season in 2008, both at home and further afield, with notable successes by many of the club's top helms at open meetings and national championships. The principal success of the year was Chris Fish and Beth Condie winning the Lark National Championships at the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club. This is the third time in recent years that sailors from WSC have won this event.

In the Wayfarer class, Roger Challis and Mark Johnston sailed a consistent series to finish a creditable fourth place at their Nationals at Parkstone, while in the Larks, Emma Harris won the Inland title at Datchet Water in May and Alan and Helen Krailing won the Winter Championship in November. The OK Dinghy class also had varied success with Dan Ager finishing third at the Nationals at Parkstone and Jonathan Fish close behind in fourth. In October, Robert Deaves won the OK Dinghy Inland Championship at Northampton SC.

In the Cadet class John and Alexander Page placed fifth at the Nationals, while Tim Carter and Henry Stone placed sixth. Carter and Stone went better at the world championship by winning the promotional regatta. Best Waldringfield performance in the world championship itself was James Hayward and Alex Warrington in 31st place.

The club's own season was one of the best attended in recent years with more than 200 sailors in more than 110 boats taking to the water at some point during the season. The Club Championship epitomises this success with 98 entries this year, the highest entry ever. Held over four weekends spanning the whole season, this has become a focal point of the club's calendar with all the sailors competing against each other rather than just against their own class. This year, Robert Deaves, sailing his Finn, won for the first time ever with a clear gap over Roger Challis in second place in his Wayfarer crewed by Phil Unwin or Rachel Rhodes, and Ian and Alyson Videlo in a Lark in third place.

Before the prize giving, Glanfield spoke about his experiences at the Olympic regatta in China especially noting the wind, or lack of it, which meant a lot of dieting for him and his helm Nick Rogers. He recalled his formative years racing in Cadet Class dinghies on the River Exe and struggling with the strong tides there.

He said that the tide at the Olympic venue was the British team's biggest advantage because most of the world's sailors have so little, but the Brits knew instinctively how to deal with it. He went on to praise the Cadet class for being such a good class in which to learn the ropes and remembered with fondness (and modesty) racing Waldringfield SC members such as Alan Krailing, Harry Pynn, Chris and Jonathan Fish amongst others, some 15 years ago. Glanfield went on to spend some considerable time with the present day junior members during the evening.

Among the prize winners was Anne Thubron, who regained the Globe Trophy for producing the best Cruising Log of the Year. Other notable winners were Patrick Wilton and Max Prescott who virtually cleaned up in the Squib keelboat class, while Derek Jacobs and Colin Jacobs between then took home most of the fantastic Dragonfly silverware.

Joe Glanfield attended courtesy of Lookers Volvo, as was Nick Rogers' visit, Glanfield's team mate, earlier in the year at the Cartoon Regatta. WSC is a Volvo Championship Club.

Results:

HANDICAP - RNLI Pennant Pursuit Race: J. Hayward/ A. Warrington; **E11R Jubilee Trophy:** P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; **Round The Island:** J. Hayward/ A. Warrington; **Victory Plate:** M. Pert/ R. Pert; **Jubilee Cup:** P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; **Cork Plate:** P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; **Seasons Points Cup The Deben Dragon – Dragons:** R. Challis/ P. Unwin; **Coronation Cup 1953:** A. Krailing/ H. Krailing; **Quantrill Bowl:** R. Deaves; **Bombadier Trophy:** C. Fish/ C. Fish; **Dinghies Friday Points Overall Trophy:** R. Deaves; **Challenge Cherub Cup:** R. Deaves; **Madeleine WSC Plate:** Mrs. M. Lake; **Bottoms Up Cup:** T. Archer; **WSC Dinghy Club Championship Trophy:** R. Deaves; **The Laura Cooney Cup:** M. Harris; **The Cruising Log Trophy:** A. Thubron; **Regatta Cup A.C.Wickman 1929:** M & R Pert; **Commodore's Gavel:** T. Carter; **Trafalgar Trophy:** Jon Fish/ C. Fish

SQUIB; Clapham Trophy: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; White/Smith (Summer Cup): P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; Medusa Trophy: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; Squib Trophy: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; Plodwyne Trophy: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; Mason Cup: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; Wincer Warmer Trophy: W. Sudell/ J. McCardle; Half Model Trophy: R. Cooke/ M. Spall; Fraser Trophy: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; The Ryder Cup: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; Metcalf Cup: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; Jupiter Cup: P. Wilton/ M. Prescott; Squib Pot: J. Penn/ S. Harrington

WAYFARER - BT Trophy: N. Fletcher/ C. Edwards; Lake Tankard: N. Collingridge/ A. Spalding; Summer Series Beaker: M. Pert/ R. Pert; Wayfarer X 2 Trophy: N. Collingridge/ A. Spalding; Overall Trophy: M. Pert/ R. Pert; Autumn Cup: M. Pert/ R. Pert; Wayfarer Picture: G. Harris/ S. Howlett; Wayfarer Friday Trophy: G. Harris/ S. Howlett; Wayfarer Cup: P. Johnson/ M. Howlett; Autumn Points Picture: N. Collingridge/ A. Spalding; Wayfarer Class Trophy: H. Evans/ T. Power; Wayfarers Tigers Cup: M. Lake; Wayfarer 'B' Fleet – Transom Chasers Trophy: R. Thompson/ P. Chippendale; The Wayfarer Chasers – Summer 1: N. Steer/ C. Davison; Wayfarer Chasers Summer 2: C. Johnson/ M. Johnson; The Wayfarer's Chaser: R. Thompson/ P. Chippendale

CADET - Spear Cup: J. Hayward/ A. Warrington; Sally Balch Memorial Trophy: J. Hayward/ A. Warrington; Law Cup: T. Carter/ H. Stone; X2 Trophy: H. Mills/ O. Jones; Parker Cup: M. Harris/ A. Knott; Cutting Trophy: J. Jopling/ S. Yale; Liddell Trophy: E. Bland/ M. Bland; Patrick Ogden Junior Trophy: J. Hayward/ A. Warrington; Green Cup: J. Jopling/ S. Yale; Mossman Trophy: J. Page/ A. Page; Dragonfly Cup: M. Yale/ T. Passmore; Novices Trophy: C. Hayward/ W. Bland; Hunt Cup: M. Harris/ E. Knott; Branton Trophy: A. Knott/ S. Jones; Cathy Fish Cadet Trophy: M. Harris/ E. Harris

DRAGONFLY - Wickman Challenge Cup: L. Farthing/; Maybush Trophy: D. Jacobs/ ; Dragonfly Class 'A' Trophy (1): C. Jacobs/; Minx Challenge Cup: D. Jacobs/; Dragonfly Class 'A' Trophy (2): S. Cooney/; Spear Challenge Cup: D. Jacobs/; Dragonfly Class 'A' Tankard Trophy: C. Jacobs/; Dragonfly Autumn Series Picture: D. Jacobs/; Wednesday Evening Tankard: L. Farthing/; Large Sudell Cup: N. Cawthorne/ A. Cawthorne; Hardy Annual Bowl: R. Smithson; Small Sudell Cup: D. Jacobs; Turner Trophy: D. Jacobs/; Bryett Trophy: S. Cooney

LARK - Seamark Nunn: A. Krailing/E. McCardle; Bird Bowle: G. Harris/ M. Harris; Palmer Cup: G. Mayhew/ K. Mayhew; Challenge Trophy: C. Fish/ C. Fish; Autumn Points Trophy: C. Fish/ B. Condie; Lark Plate: C. Fish/ C. Fish; Grebe Trophy: H. Pynn/ H. Krailing; Lark Class Trophy: P. Cooney/ A-M Cooney; Blotfal Trophy: G. Sinton/ K. Bartlett; Cathy Fish Lark Trophy: H. Pynn

LASER - Deacon Laser Class Cup: M. Hodge; Admirals Cup: R. Woolf; John Gilmour Mem Cup: M. Hodge; Angela Penn Mem up: M. Hodge; Archer trophy: R. Woolf; Picture: P. Cooney; Heather

Cutting Tankard: M. Hodge; Seamark Nunn Laser Centre Trophy: Mark Hodge; Katie Archer trophy: Ian Davidson; Mayhew Freezer Trophy: M. Hodge

LASER RADIAL - Commodores Cup: H. Mills; Centre Plate: A. Woolf; Autumn Centre Plate: A. Woolf

OK DINGHY - Sherwill Trophy: D. Ager; OK Gold Cup: R. Deaves; Alexander Cup: L. Farthing; Goddard Trophy: J. Fish

YACHT - The Admirals Trophy - Cannons Trophy: Peter Starling – Saponata